IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-19, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 20 and 21 as set forth on the enclosed pages.

REMARKS

Each independent claim 20 and 21 emphasizes the form factor of the support, namely, a parallelepiped shape measuring 1-½ inches in length, 1 inch in width, and ¾ of an inch in height. The RF reader, the magnetic stripe reader and the bar code symbol reader are all mounted on the parallelepiped support, together with the central processing unit for receiving and processing all the digital signals generated by the readers.

Newly cited Ruppert does not disclose a parallelepiped support, and Dvorkis does not disclose a support having the specific dimensions as now claimed.

Allowance of claims 20-21 is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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NEW CLAIMS 20 & 21

20. A data collection module, comprising:

a) a support having a parallelepiped shape measuring 1-½ inches in length, 1 inch in width, and ¾ of an inch in height;

b) a radio frequency (RF) reader supported by the support, and operative for interrogating an RF resonant element associated with a target by transmitting RF energy to the resonant element, and for reading RF data relating to the target from the interrogated element by detecting RF energy transmitted by the resonant element to generate an RF digital data signal;

c) a magnetic stripe reader supported by the support, and operative for sensing magnetically encoded data in a stripe on a card, and for reading the encoded data to generate a magnetically encoded digital data signal;

d) a bar code symbol reader supported by the support, and operative for reading a bar code symbol to generate a digital symbol signal; and

e) a central processing unit supported by the support, and operative for receiving and processing all the digital signals, and for outputting all the processed signals through a common output interface.

21. A data collection terminal, comprising:

a) a hand-held housing;

b) a support supported by the housing and having a parallelepiped shape measuring 1-½ inches in length, 1 inch in width, and ¾ of an inch in height;

c) a radio frequency (RF) reader supported by the support, and operative for interrogating an RF resonant element associated with a target by transmitting RF energy to the resonant element, and for reading RF data relating to the target from the interrogated element by detecting RF energy transmitted by the resonant element to generate an RF digital data signal;

d) a magnetic stripe reader supported by the support, and operative for sensing magnetically encoded data in a stripe on a card, and for reading the encoded data to generate a magnetically encoded digital data signal;

e) a bar code symbol reader supported by the support, and operative for reading a bar code symbol to generate a digital symbol signal; and

f) a central processing unit supported by the support, and operative for receiving and processing all the digital signals, and for outputting all the processed signals through a common output interface.